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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-24 and 58-73 have been withdrawn from this application, while claims 25-57 and 74 are under consideration; claims 33, 36, 45, 51 and 52 are rejected under 35 USC 112, claims 25-29, 31, 32, 34-37, 42, 46, 47 and 49 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Hui, claims 49, 55-57 and 74 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious with respect to Hui, claims 30, 40, 41, 43, 44 and 48 over Hui in view of Abramov et al, claims 38 and 39 over Hui in view of Zheng et al, and claim 53 over Hui in view of Bullard. Finally, claims 50 and 54 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 57 has been amended in accordance with examiner's paragraph 10 to overcome the objection.

Claims 33, 36, 45, 51, and 52 have been amended to traverse the rejections under 35 USC 112 of examiner's paragraphs 12-15.

Claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the allowable matter of claims 49 and 50 thereby rendering claim 25 allowable. Claims dependent on claim 25 are therefore now also allowable, i.e., claims 26-48, 51-57 and 75. The rejections are traversed.

A petition for extension of time in this response of three months and a corresponding petition fee are herein enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case for the above claims as amended.

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